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We heard with great sorrow this morning that Royall Tyler had just died. He had always been in perfect health until recently when he was stricken with a bad attack of influenza, which affected his heart. He was a most charming man with great ability and an uncommon breadth of intellectual and artistic knowledge, [redacted] He was a superb linguist and a [redacted] connoisseur of food and wine. I met him first during the war, and have been devoted to him ever since.

Maurice Ferro came to see me this morning for an interview. We had quite a lengthy talk.

E. and I lunched at Margaret Biddle's with the Plevens and Jean Dom. After lunch René and I had a private conversation. He feels [redacted] the French Parliament will finally pass the EDC Treaty, provided [redacted] the bulk of the Socialist vote can be brought to favor it. The other factor he thinks will be most helpful would be to have ratification as soon as possible by other participating countries. He reminded me that the work for the ratification of the Schuman Plan Treaty looked at one time almost as dark as for the EDC Treaty. However, the Schuman Plan did not strike such emotional nerves in the French people as does the possibility of this military incorporation with Germany.

I went to see Fred Anderson this afternoon. He gave me every offer of cooperation and assistance. He is a fine fellow.

Tonight Tommy and I left about 7 o'clock for Luxembourg, where I bedded down in the Hotel Brasseur about midnight.

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